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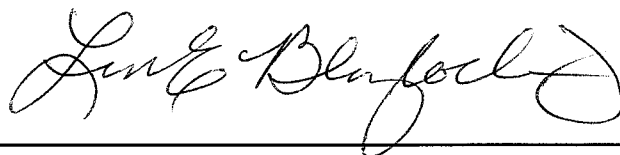
Farm Service Agency  
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

**ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-121**

**For:** County Offices

**Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1847**

**Approved by:** State Executive Director



**1 Overview**

**A Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

**B Contact**

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or  
Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

**2 Action**

**A Disaster Area**

Effective December 2, 2003, Missouri Counties were designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by excessive spring rainfall, that occurred from May 4, 2003, and continuing.

Disposal	Distribution
January 1, 2005	All County Offices

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### 2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties in Arkansas are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Clay	Craighead	Greene	Mississippi
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#### B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through August 2, 2004, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded S1847.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is April 1, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

#### C Filing Instructions

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., December 2, 2003 -- Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman approved several Bootheel counties in Missouri, to be eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans due to losses caused by excessive spring rainfall, that occurred from May 4, 2003, and continuing.

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following Arkansas counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Clay

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Mississippi

Farmers in the disaster area's have until August 2, 2004, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.